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2. In January 1952 a series of explosions occurred in the Vitkovice Ironworks, which is producing equipment for the new iron and steel manufacturing complex at Kuncice (051/G60).* Following the explosions Vitkovice Plant Manager (sic) Ing. Janicek was arrested on a charge of sabotage.

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The Czechs have ordered [REDACTED] for the Kuncice plant a steel plate rolling mill, plate cutting shears capable of handling 70-mm high alloy steel, and rolling shears 12 m long. No deliveries have been made to the present time, and no other items have been ordered [REDACTED] for this plant. The development of the Kuncice complex appears to have been halted. Of the six furnaces designated for construction in the area, only two have been built.** The construction of the remaining four is unlikely. Construction plans for this area were changed because Soviet advisers deemed it inadvisable to concentrate the Czech iron and steel industry in an area fairly open to aerial bombing and possibly to Western ground attack. The Russians favor the more remote center of Kosice in Eastern Slovakia, where the HUKO steel mill is under construction.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment: Similar explosions occurred in Poland after machinery produced by Vitkovice was installed ([REDACTED] Comment: This is probably the Klement Gottwald Ironworks, known as "Little Donbas", which has been under construction since 1949.)

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- ** [REDACTED] Comment: Most earlier reports on the construction of the plant in Kuncice indicate the planned construction of three blast furnaces.

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